

Hon<sup>d</sup> S.<sup>r</sup>

Boston Mar: 28<sup>th</sup> 1778

You may remember some time past - I, by my son's desire, requested the favours of 2 month's pay as Surgeon Gen<sup>l</sup> to the Hospital at Cambridge viz: from July to Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1775 at which time unhappy for Him and all in connection with Him - He was taken up, and confin'd - for writing a L<sup>r</sup> to his Brother Fleeming, which was deem'd by some prejudicial to his Country - but to me, and others He has repeatedly affirm'd the contrary - that He never meant to injure, but to save his Country - which He said - if He might be admitted to triall - He cou'd have evinc'd to all mankind - but that cou'd not be obtain'd - and now alas! He is banish'd! His demand for the service above is 252 Dollars - wherefore if, Dear S.<sup>r</sup>, thro Your Interest, it cou'd be obtain'd - I have full power to receive the same - Hon<sup>d</sup> S.<sup>r</sup> as a gratefull acknowledgements for favours, rec<sup>d</sup> - please to accept of following Essay to perpetuate Your memory - from Y<sup>r</sup> Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>. Benj<sup>t</sup>. Church

*J* - neipiam lustrare virum, qui Syderis in star  
*O* - rbe suo jam nunc pro Mansuetudine splendet;  
*H* - ei mihi! quod laudis merita describere totum,  
*A* - ut tibi dimidium debita cum pectore grato  
*N* - on possim! Cedenim paucis concludere verbis  
*N* - omen Acrostichide in parvo nunc Musa valeseat;  
*E* - n! maneat sacrum postremum ad temporis curam,  
*S* - acrum quod mihi sit, cunctis gratumq; Nov-Anglis -

*H* - orrendum est bellum! dum Mater devorat Agnos  
*A* - rma gerens! quibus Illic Patronus constitit armis!  
*N* - am fuit ille pater patrie, quoq; Murus ahenus,  
*C* - oncupiens methodum cunctas defendere cura  
*O* - ras Americae lethi de faucibus atris!  
*C* - ausas corde suo meditans, effectaq; dira  
*C* - onsuluit pacem, potius quam funera Martis!  
*J* - mploro utq; velis, Domine, ut mihi premia jure  
*U* - rgere assensam Congressus (non mora tardet)  
*S* - olvantur Nati, nuper tellure repulsi! -

Gratias tibi agam  
H. C.



Benjamin Burroughs Sen. 71

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

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